1	2	3	4	5
B.	*Irrigation* :			
1	Dhansiri	Assam	15800	During 8th Plan
2	Champamati	Assam	4749	do
3	Intd. Kollong . .	Assam	5123	do
4	Bordi Karai	Assam	2968	do
5	Thoubal Irrigation Project .	Manipur	13885	do
6	Singda Irrigation Project . .	Manipur	4253	do
7	Khuga Multipurpose Project .	Manipur	7295	do
8	Dolaithabi Barrage Project .	Manipur	1886	do
C.	*Transport* :			
1	Construction of Rail-cum-Road Bridge across river Brahmaputra near Jogigopa	Assam	11730	12/95
2	Installation of Monopulse Secondary and AirPort Surveillance Radars	Assam	2845	3/95
3	Tura Airport	Meghalaya	700	3/95
4	Lengpui Airport . .	Mizoram	4500	3/98

Release of funds and implementation of MPs Area Development Scheme

982. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have released to the District Collectors amounts under the MPs Local Area Development Scheme;

(b) whether there is tardy progress in the implementation of this scheme in various districts due to lack of interest by the State Governments and the local authorities; and

(c) whether Government propose to set up a cell in the Rural Development Department to monitor the implementation of these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No such complaint has been received by this Department.

(c) The implementation of this scheme has since been transferred to Department of Programme Implementation. Monitoring of the scheme is being done by the Department of Programme Implementation in accordance with the guidelines issued for the scheme.

Review of power sector projects by Planning Commission

983. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the latest review of the power sector conducted by the

Planning Commission has revealed huge time and cost overruns in power projects which are effecting the availability of resources for the new projects to be taken up during the Eighth Plan period;

(b) if so, what are the details of the review conducted by the Planning Commission;

(c) what remedial steps have been suggested by the Planning Commission to reduce the time and cost overruns in power projects; and

(d) whether the Planning Commission regularly monitors the execution of these projects and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) The latest review of the power sector carried out by the Department of Programme Implementation has revealed time and cost overruns in the power projects.

(b) As on 1st January, 1995, the cost of 40 power projects (costing Rs. 20 crores and above each) monitored by the Department of Programme Implementation has gone up from the original cost of Rs. 18889.1 crore to Rs. 38847.3 crores.

(c) The remedial steps being taken to reduce time and cost overrun include; close monitoring, review meetings with project authorities and equipment suppliers to remove constraints, adoption of two stage clearance for thermal and hydel projects, introduction of incentives/disincentives for timely completion of work by contractors, and ensuring the availability of adequate funds.

(d) As on 1st January, 1995, out of 40 projects, 6 projects have been completed, 3 projects are likely to be completed by March, 1995 and 4 projects are unable to take off due to fund constraint or other problems. Of the remaining 27 projects, 10 projects are on schedule and 17 projects are behind schedule ranging from 1 to 152 months with respect to their latest approved date of commissioning.

Monitoring of annual plan by Planning Commission

984. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission monitors the annual plan expenditure of the States:

(b) if so, whether the States are graded according to their performances; and

(c) if so, the gradation of each State according to their performance during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) to (c) Annual Plan expenditure of the States is reviewed in the course of annual plan discussions in Planning Commission in Working Groups. The Working Groups review the financial as well as physical performance of the schemes and programmes being implemented by the States.

Planning Commission also reviews the progress of expenditure of a State in fourth quarter of the year for assessing availability of funds for implementation of Plan and expenditure incurred. Planning Commission does not grade States according to their performance. However, a statement of approved outlay/revised outlay and actual expenditure for 1992-93 and 1993-94 is enclosed. (*See below*). Figures of actual expenditure for 1994-95 are not yet available.